IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: M. Milia
TOSHIO SAKURAI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/973,058)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued

Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office

Action dated April 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: